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SPO could lose \$15,000 in funds

'They're voting on their personal opinion'

By HEIDI JEANNE HESS

The Student Programming Organization (SPO) may lose 15 percent of its proposed budget, said Jayne Knapp, assistant director of SPO.

The Student Activities Budget Commission (SABC) voted to decrease SPO's budget during Thursday's meeting.

"They gave no indication that a cut of this size was going to happen," Knapp said of the possibility of losing \$15,000.

Cheryl Carter, chairperson of SABC said, "I think SABC has reacted to years of frustration. We just do not have a campus body that reacts to their programming."

Currently, SPO receives \$2.90 per student from Fund A student fees. Under SABC's proposal, SPO's budget will be reduced to \$2.50 per student. SPO will receive a total of \$92,627.50 of the Fund A budget for the 1991-92 fiscal year.

Fund A student fees are \$7.50 per student and are paid every semester. Students are allowed to receive a partial or full refund of their Fund A student fee.

"It appears that there's some assumptions that we are over-funded," Knapp said, adding, "What is most upsetting to me is what I see as a lack of communication between us and SABC."

Terry Forman, manager of student activities, said he was very emotional at the SABC meeting when they announced the proposed cut, "because it caught me by surprise."

Forman said the idea of a budget cut had never been brought up before that meeting, and suspects decisions are being made by people who have never been involved in SPO. "Unless you're involved in programming, you don't know what it takes to do it."

John Harris, a student activities advisor said, "The people on SABC are not programming people and probably don't come to the programs. They're voting on their personal opinion and

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SABC's preliminary recommendation

Student Programming Organization	\$92,627.50
The Gateway	\$61,875.17
SG-UNO	\$52,649.00
American Multi-Cultural Students	\$7,366.00
Council for Community and Legislative Relations	\$4,800.00
Disabled Students Agency	\$5,000.25
International Student Services	\$7,210.00
Women's Resource Center	\$9,426.65

STILL TO BE CONSIDERED:

Agency programming money, Student Organization Programming Enhancement Committee, Student Senate Contingency

Graph by Patrick Runge

that's not the way to vote."

SABC still needs to consider funding for Agency Programming Money, Student Organization Programming Enhancement Committee and Student Senate Contingency.

SABC's preliminary recommendations for: the Gateway — \$61,875.17; SPO — \$92,627.50; Student Government — \$52,649; American Multi-cultural Students — \$7,366; Council for Community and Legislative Relations — \$4,800; Disabled Student's Agency — \$5,000.25; International Student Services —

\$7,210; and Women's Resource Center — \$9,426.65.

SABC will have its final hearing on its budget recommendations Thursday at 4 p.m. in the Student Center Council Room. SPO and other agencies will then have an opportunity to appeal to SABC for additional funding.

SABC's budget recommendations will then be presented to the Student Senate on March 21 at 6 p.m. in the Dodge Room of the Student Center. The senate will then decide whether or not to approve SABC's version of the budget.

Valgora impeachment imminent?

Valgora calls CBA increase a 'done deal'

By KIM HANSEN

UNO Student President/Regent Chuck Valgora was accused of misrepresenting Student Government and called "unprepared" after the University of Nebraska Board of Regents increased the graduation and admission standards for students in the College of Business Administration (CBA).

Student senators Mary Reynolds and Adele Johnson said Valgora failed to represent Student Government at the Feb. 16 regents meeting when he refused to issue a request to the regents for a moratorium on increasing CBA standards. At an earlier student senate meeting, the senate voted to have Valgora request such a moratorium to the regents in order to delay implementation of the new CBA standards.

The regents approved the increased CBA standards Feb. 16. Under the new policy, which goes into effect this May, the minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) requirements for CBA students increases from 2.25 to 2.5.

However, Valgora didn't request the senate's

moratorium at the regents meeting. Instead, he presented his motion for a "grandfather clause" that would allow students currently enrolled in CBA to graduate as long as their current, rather than cumulative, GPA stayed above 2.5.

"As the author of the motion, I'm a little disappointed it (the moratorium) wasn't brought up," said Reynolds. According to Reynolds, Valgora is required by the student senate's constitution to represent the senate to the regents for benefit of the students.

"He was unprepared for what was happening," she said. "If the senate as a whole tells him to do that, then he should do it."

"If he's unprepared, this will happen every time," she said.

Valgora said his actions were not out of line. "I didn't do it to be on some kind of power trip," said Valgora. "All the schools in our peer group are doing it. It's a trend."

Valgora said in the long term, the requirements will be "great," but will hurt students in the short term.

According to Valgora, under the policy passed by the regents, a student may graduate as long as their current GPA is above 2.25.

Some senators have raised concerns over

Valgora presenting his amendment instead of the moratorium.

"They don't know the full story," Valgora said. "The deal was done by the time I got there."

"I couldn't get information needed to get the moratorium," Valgora said. "The regents were going to raise the requirement anyway."

Valgora said he originally intended to introduce the moratorium, but when he got to the regents meeting, he felt it wouldn't pass.

Johnson also said Valgora did not represent Student Government.

"We gave him a directive, and he's supposed to follow our directives," Johnson said.

She said Valgora has broken his campaign promise of putting the student senate before his other obligations to his fraternity and wrestling team.

"If it's for any student, it's for his frat boys and his wrestling buddies," she said.

Johnson said she believes there will be an impeachment of Valgora "at some point," but is not currently planning on filing charges against Valgora.

"He's padding his resume. He takes nothing seriously," she said. "Chuck is out for Chuck."

National Briefs

Prof removes painting of world leaders in the buff

(CPS) — Officials at Anne Arundel Community College in Maryland have canceled the showing of a painting of five world leaders portrayed in the nude.

After getting several complaints about the prospective showing in mid-January, part-time faculty member and artist Josef Schuetzenhoefer replaced the life-sized painting with a less controversial work the day before the show opened.

The 8-by-8-foot oil painting, "Capitalism is Dead," is a political commentary about the belief that communism is dead, he said.

Former British Prime minister Margaret Thatcher, Polish President Lech Walesa, Polish Cardinal Jozef Glemp, German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and the late millionaire Publisher Malcolm Forbes were depicted. To strip them of their authority, Schuetzenhoefer said, dildos were strapped to the leaders and they were shown standing on a cart with missing wheels.

"I didn't think there would be any problem in a country where freedom of speech is such an important issue," the artist said.

"At times it struck me as a rather provincial situation," said Schuetzenhoefer, who decided to replace the painting with a subdued version of the same work rather than fight the college.

Schuetzenhoefer is planning to give a lecture on the painting to explain his intent.

Campus art has also stirred considerable furor at other schools. Last March, an 8-foot painting of Purdue University President Steven Beering clad only in socks was removed from a campus exhibit. Last January, drawings of nude women hanging in the hallway of Truckee Meadows Community College in Reno, Nev., were temporarily covered because a student complained that the drawings were pornographic.

In 1989, Chicago's City Council, enraged by a student work featuring late Mayor Harold Washington dressed in women's underwear and a piece that invited viewers to step on an American flag, threatened to withdraw funding from the Art Institute of Chicago.

Also that year, four University of Illinois artists wanted the Krannert Art Museum on campus to melt down two bronze sculptures, saying they represented "women as objects of lust."

Budget crises close offices, stop enrollments at colleges

(CPS) — The mounting financial crises at many campuses nationwide forced Virginia administrators to order state schools to limit the number of students they admit during the next two years.

"The costs of allowing enrollments to continue to grow far exceed the projections of how much money there will be available to educate them," a Feb. 6 release from the State Council of Higher Education noted.

The same day, Ohio Gov. George Voinovich predicted "lay-offs" and higher tuition at Ohio campuses to cope with a state budget shortfall of \$127 million.

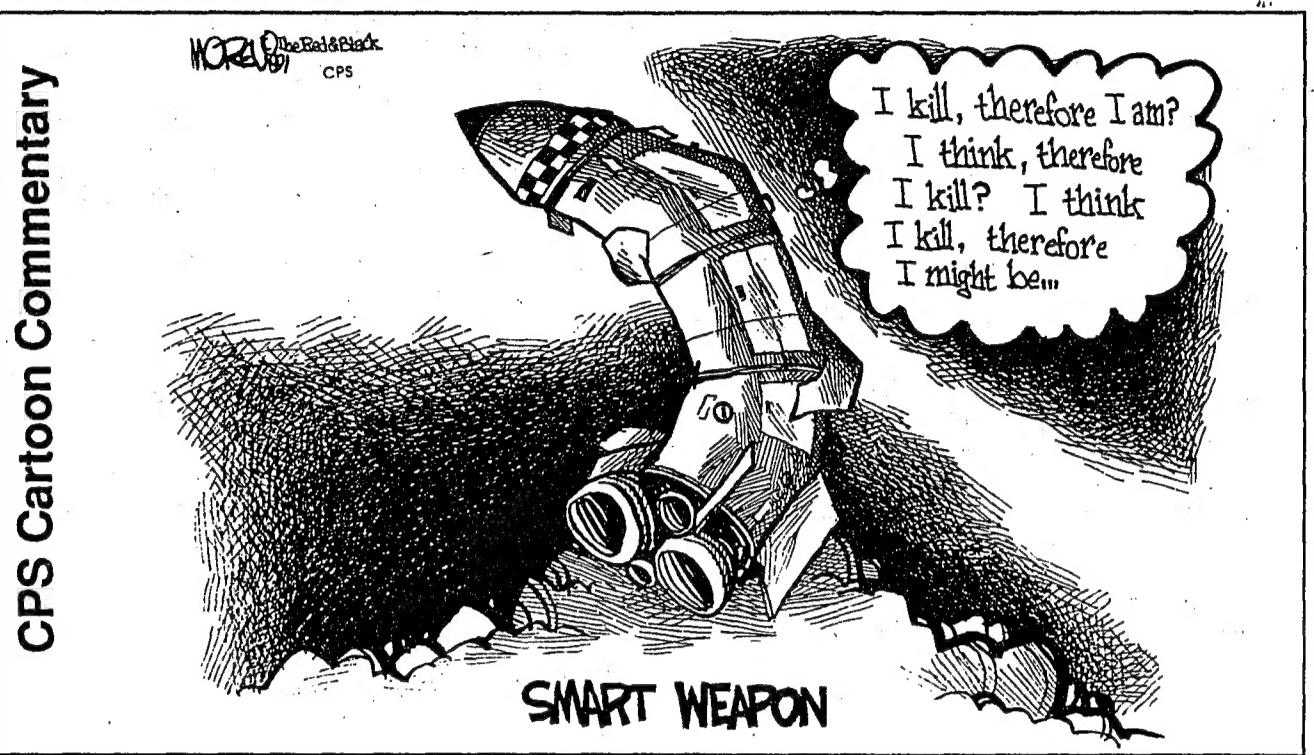
Oregon State University officials announced they would limit the number of hours the admissions and financial aid offices would be open as a money-saving measure.

Legislators say no to letting women into VMI

(CPS) — A Virginia Senate committee effectively killed a bill that would have forced Virginia Military Institute to admit women.

Committee Chairman Elmon Gray ruled the bill was out of order because of a pending lawsuit between the federal government and VMI, whose influential supporters in the state want to keep it open exclusively to males.

"Here we are in Saudi Arabia and one woman has already been taken as a prisoner of war," complained bill sponsor Sen. Emilie Miller. Committee members "don't see that this (refusal to change VMI's policy) is offensive to women."



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Local Briefs

New group offers to help English graduate students

One of UNO's newest groups — the English Graduate Organization — has scheduled its first-ever event for Saturday in the Student Center Counsel Room. A social hour and coffee is set to begin at noon. At 1 p.m., English Professor Greg Sadlek will offer tips to graduate students on how they can get their academic papers published, and why this is important for careers in education.

The English Graduate Organization (EGO) was formed last month by graduate students seeking to enhance the overall experience of getting a master's degree at UNO, said Craig Pugh, a spokesman for the group.

"Many English graduate students work full time during the day," he said. "Their only exposure to the English Department is when they come to class at night. Naturally, this can be very limiting. We hope EGO can reach out to these students and make them feel like they belong to the academic community here — that UNO is more than just a place where they spend a few hours a week going to class."

Pugh said another segment of the English Department EGO wants to reach is the graduate teaching assistants. Many of these students do not view the master's degrees they will receive from UNO as terminal degrees; that is, they know they'll have to go elsewhere to get their doctorates. EGO wants to create an information base — a listing of major university English department phone numbers and brochures, for example — for the graduate assistant.

"Whether the students are part-timers or professionals, EGO offers a social and academic forum for their interests," Pugh said. "We're convinced this will be in the best interest of the department for all concerned, both professors and students. Anything that enhances the communication between the faculty and students has to be beneficial for both parties," he added.

Future activities being discussed include mixers, socials, picnics and symposiums.

All English Department faculty, staff and graduate students are invited to the Saturday social and Sadlek's presentation. The professor, a graduate of Northern Illinois University, is UNO's

Something to cheer about



Woody Harrelson of "Cheers" performed at the Student Center on Sunday night to benefit the Nebraska Indian Community College. About 400 people attended the event. Harrelson visited six colleges and three high schools in Nebraska over a five-day period.

specialist in Middle English language and literature. He earned a credit on Manheim Steamroller's latest album, "Fresh Aire 7," for helping group founder Chip Davis put medieval lyrics to music. Sadlek has also just returned from the West Coast, where he presented a paper to a national conference of medieval scholars.

Noncredit class to help business dodge recession

If we enter a recession as serious as that of 1974-75, 10 percent of all American businesses may fail. A new noncredit seminar from UNO's College of Continuing Studies is designed to help business owners avoid decline in the face of a stagnant economy.

"Choosing Successful Business Strategies During a Recession" is a one-day seminar focusing on the practical steps business owners can take to head off financial trouble and limit losses during an economic downturn.

The seminar meets from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 15 at UNO's Peter Kiewit Conference Center, 1313 Farnam St.

Fred Amis will teach the seminar. He is a consultant specializing in business turnarounds.

For more information or to register, call the College of Continuing Studies at 595-2308.

History of UNO subject of lunchtime lecture tomorrow

Those interested in learning about the history of UNO are invited to attend a brown bag lunch tomorrow at noon in Room 205 of the University Library.

Tommy Thompson, a UNO history professor, will discuss his book "The History of UNO." Thompson's discussion is part of a series of book review/discussions featuring UNO authors.

The series is sponsored by United Christian Ministries in Higher Education and the University Library. Campus Pastor Darrel Berg will discuss the book with the author.

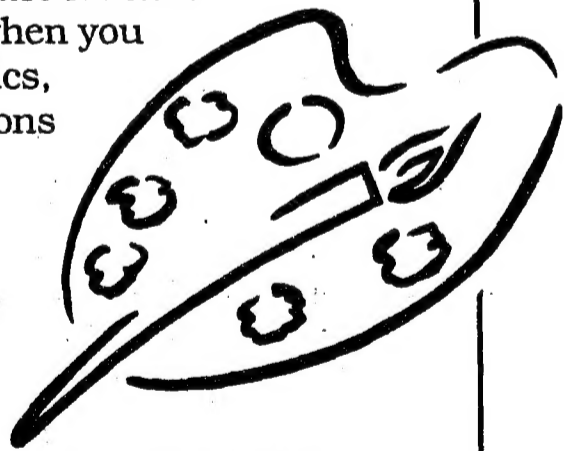
Youth for Peace plans poetry reading, art show

A student poetry reading and art show is planned for Sunday at the Antiquarium, 1215 Harney St.

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McLaurin's budget less than SABC's CCLR asks for less

BY HEIDI JEANNE HESS

With budget hearings and cries of budget cuts being of major concern to people this time of year, Mike McLaurin suggested the seemingly unreasonable — he asked for a budget reduction.

McLaurin, director of the Council for Community and Legislative Relations (CCLR), requested \$387 less from the Student Activities Budget Commission (SABC) than was requested last fiscal year.

"My personal philosophy on increases in funds does not necessarily mean an increase in viability," he said. "We are trying to do more for less."

McLaurin requested a total of \$4,800, of which \$2,800 is for operating expenses. The remaining money is for student director stipends.

CCLR was begun in 1983 and was originally

part of student senate for funding purposes, however, a "couple of years ago" it was given its own budget, he said.

McLaurin said CCLR is concerned with two different issues, the campus and the Legislature.

On the legislative side, CCLR looks at local, state and federal bills which will affect the university. He said they concentrate on education bills.

"We organize letter campaigns," he said, in addition to working with the Government Liaison Committee at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

McLaurin said the only legislative bill they have lobbied on so far this year is LB 54, which proposes the recall of the members of the Uni-

versity of Nebraska Board of Regents.

CCLR has also organized a grass-roots lobbying campaign to the Legislature's Appropriations Committee concerning NU's recent budget proposal. He said more than 300 form letters were sent out to senators along with personal letters. A group also attended the budget hearing "en masse."

McLaurin said it is important for CCLR to be a reactive group because "we never know what order the bills are going to be heard."

In the future, CCLR is looking at LB's 241 and 663 in addition to Legislative Resolution 6, which would require the appointment of the regents rather than their elections, he said.

On campus, CCLR is in the process of being reformed. McLaurin said he and his staff are organizing a Student Coordinating Council to get "a little bit of communication going on."

The council would have a representative from each student or-

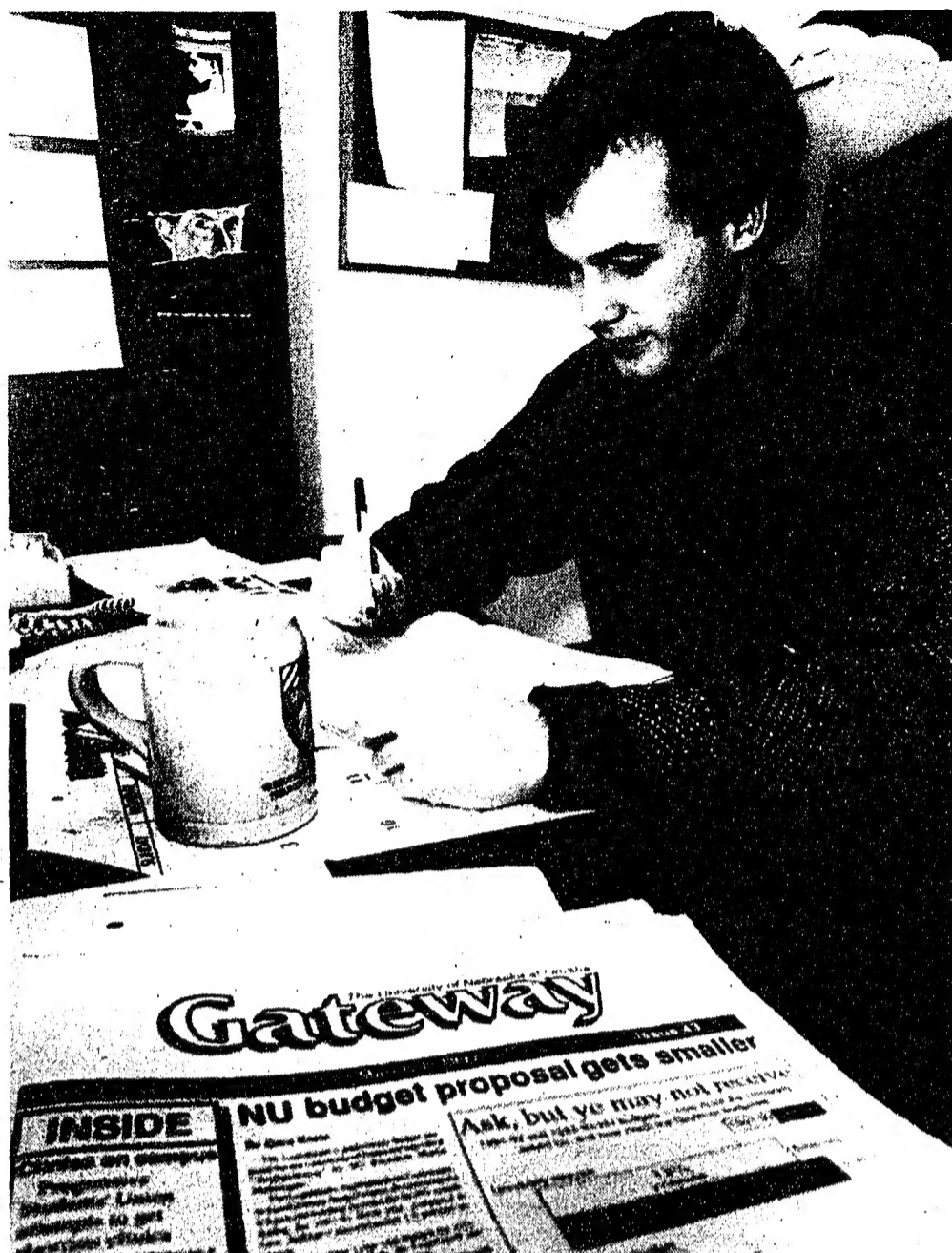
ganization on campus. They would meet to discuss issues affecting the organizations. He hopes the organizations involved with the council will gain a sense of communication which seems to be missing on a commuter campus.

Right now, the only communication CCLR has with the students is its newsletter, the "Forum." McLaurin said it informs students on what the Student Senate is doing. The "Forum" is distributed to all student organizations, the administration and staff.

McLaurin said students are welcome to come to his office in Room 134 of the Student Center to talk to him about anything on the campus or city, state and federal level.

"Increases in funds do not necessarily mean an increase in viability. We are trying to do more for less."

— Mike McLaurin



— ERIC FRANCIS

CCLR Director Mike McLaurin hard at work in his office. McLaurin said he is in the process of reorganizing CCLR to get "a little bit of communication."

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Med Pulse

Computer network to link Midwest medicine

Synapse to 'become the model' for medical networks

By D.J. STILES

The University of Nebraska Medical Center in conjunction with University Hospital have created Synapse, a direct computer link between the numerous rural physicians scattered throughout Nebraska and Western Iowa to the Medical Center and University Hospital.

"There really is no model. In many ways I think we're becoming the model," said Robin Meter, coordinator of the Synapse program.

"Hospital networks are not unique," Meter said. "But our scope is unique, we cover a huge geography."

According to Meter, the Synapse system blankets most of Nebraska, from Scottsbluff in the panhandle to Shenandoah in western Iowa.

The program was in the planning stages early in 1988 and quickly went from the drawing board to actual operation around January 1, 1989 Meter said. "The Med Center must provide its role to the community and Nebraska," he said. "They know UNMC will always be here."

Meter calls Synapse a "one-stop, shopping-center-type thing."

He said it bridges the gap between the Medical Center and rural physicians in many ways.

Synapse's general features include:

- Information access — This is the basic way a user can access LEON, an electronic card catalog, which includes access to publications in the Medical Center's McGowan Library of Medicine.

Synapse can also allow a physician to check on the latest research being conducted at the Medical Center through UNMC's research prospectus data base.

- Electronic mail — Here any user of the system can instantly contact UNMC or any other physician in the region for any medical reason.

- Other features — A physician can not only pre-register a patient to the Medical Center through UNMCLink, but also can keep track and follow that patient's care and condition. Synapse also allows the user to access information from the Nebraska Department of Social Services and the Nebraska Department of Health's HealthNetwork, in order to verify such things as the eligibility of Medicare recipients.

The Medical Center even provides the modem and hook-up needed on a loan type of basis, free of charge to link any rural physician to the system.

"The only cost (of Synapse) is the long distance phone call," Meter said. "And even that is only when applicable."

According to Meter the only service the Synapse program actually sells is the Doctor's Office Manager system.

This feature offers, for a fee, a total package of office management programs providing patient scheduling, patient records, financial management and even local office networking.

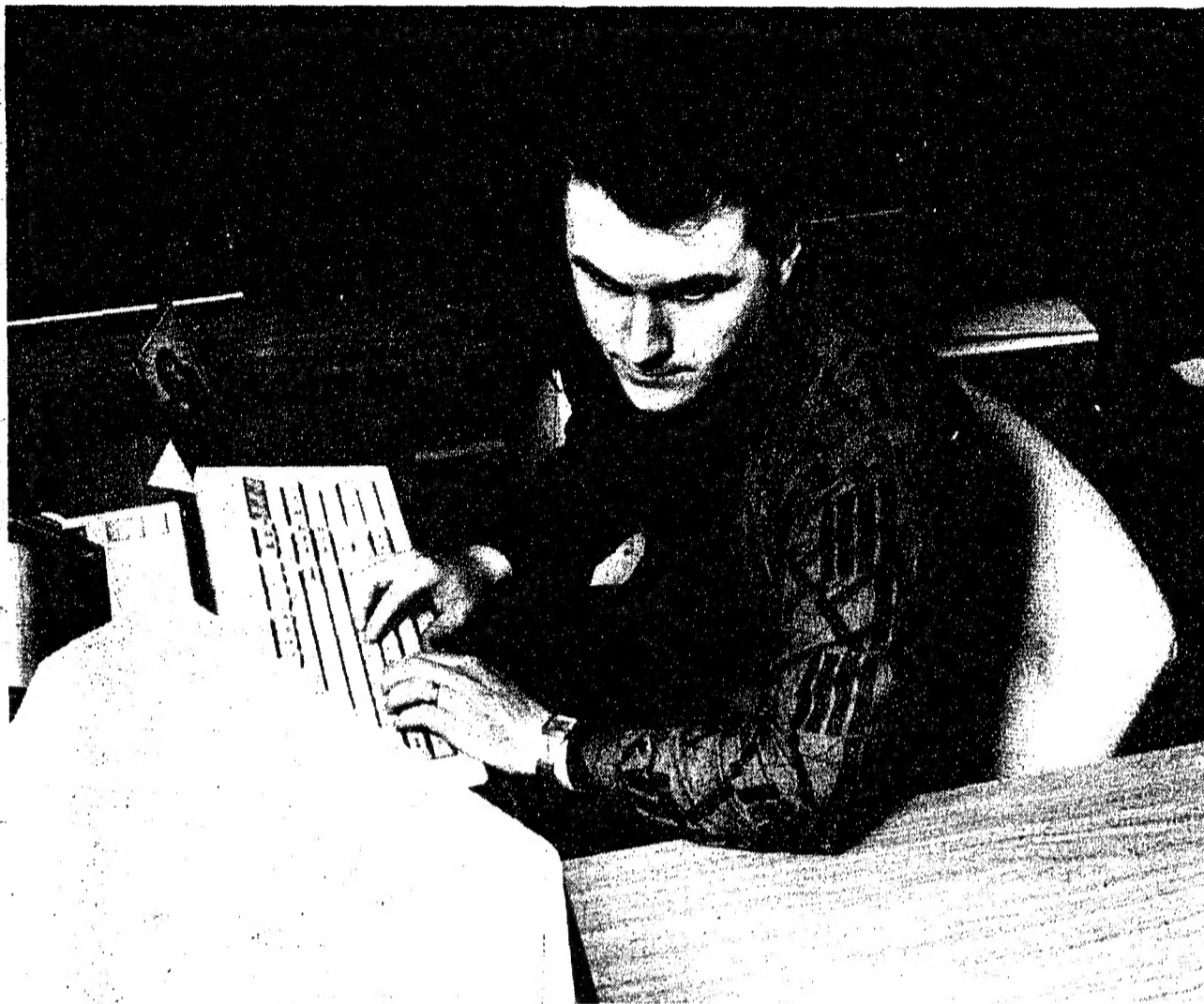
The Synapse program is set up completely on IBM computers, but a rural physician can use any compatible personal computer (PC) to access the system.

"At this point the system is only a physician's network because the information is so specific," Meter said.

"There are 555 medical journals a physician can subscribe to," Meter said. "Usually one will subscribe to at least 20 to 30 of them, some costing as much as \$200 annually."

He said many of the rural physicians on the system don't have to order the journals any more because of the information provided by Synapse.

"I think we have changed the course of medical care because



— Ed CARLSON

Robin Meter, coordinator of the Synapse program. Calling the network a "one-stop, shopping-center-type thing," Meter said the system will offer services to physicians from Scottsbluff to Shenandoah, Iowa.

of Synapse," Meter said. "It will raise the quality of care in rural areas and open doors of national and international clinical alerts."

Meter said that there has been not only local and national interest in the Medical Center's Synapse, but also internationally, including England and Czechoslovakia.

"Czechoslovakia is starting from the ground up after the fall of the Iron Curtain," he said. "They've got nowhere to go but up."

Meter added that Czechoslovakia has the same basic rural environment as Nebraska and Iowa, and he looks forward to aiding them in their medical development.

According to Meter, the Synapse system staffs a team of two coordinators including himself and two assistant coordinators who act as support during different stages of the operation and to help wherever they are needed.

He said a lot of service to the system can be done over the phone, but when necessary they will actually visit one of the 70 sites located in over 42 communities across both states.

When asked if he had encountered any problems so far with Synapse, Meter replied, "telecommunication has been the main problem."

Meter said there are 47 different telephone companies in Nebraska alone and that causes a lot of problems with the consistency of the calls and the quality.

Another problem he said is the ability to take a physician and his employees through the intense training required, while

allowing that office to continue processing patients at the same time.

"It takes about 30 to 45 minutes to actually train personnel on Synapse," Meter said. "A lot depends on their computer literacy."

"These are business people," he said. "We need to get in and out of a rural medical center with a minimum amount of disruption."

Meter said very few people say no to adapting the Synapse system into their practice.

"Those that do say 'no' don't like computers," he said. "For the most part it is up to us to educate a physician about the information and benefits a computer can bring."

Meter says the main purpose of the Synapse program is to improve the quality of care in rural Nebraska and Iowa.

"Trying to make an effect on the quality of care in Nebraska and keeping UNMC at the center of that activity," he said.

Meter said for the rural physician it really minimizes the remoteness they can feel. He said one rural doctor told him "it helps me feel like I'm not a lone ranger."

Meter hopes to see this system in the Medical Center curriculum within the next two years and that the programs not-so-distant future plans include expanding further into Iowa and also expanding the system's current capabilities.

"Synapse has really helped in recognition," Meter said. "It has re-enforced our role as an educator and provider of this type of health information."

Worries about war can hurt people at home

By D.J. STILES

Although the war in the Persian Gulf for the most part seems to be finished on the battlefield, according to Dr. Todd Hendrickson, psychiatrist at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, communication is essential in order to vent anxiety built up in the minds of those here at home during the conflict.

"The effects of war are real variable," Hendrickson said. "It ranges with the people who have friends, relatives and loved ones in the Gulf. Their emotions go up and down."

The majority of Americans without relatives in the Gulf, have brought about a lot of patriotism. It has given people a way to ban together."

According to Hendrickson, extreme emotional ups and downs equal anxiety which in turn causes stress.

"It makes you think a lot of 'what if,'" he said.

"When people are scared, they can rally behind a cause very easily."

Hendrickson says the majority of people have been generally concerned, but that not everyone has the same cause.

"It is important for both sides to express their opinions," he said. "You need to allow yourself to feel the way you feel."

The last thing one should do is not talk about it, Hendrickson said.

"It is important to work through it slowly, but surely, using concrete thinking," he said.

"Pick out people you trust and sort out the situation; be informed and don't be afraid to get involved."

Hendrickson said it is important to balance one's thoughts about the war with other things, such as doing what one normally does, working, taking care of family and friends and using distraction as a therapeutic process rather than just being a busy

body."

"It's got people talking," he said, "I've never listened to so much AM radio in my life."

Should someone worry about being worried?

"Worse than worrying itself, is being anxious about anxiety," Hendrickson said. "There is not anything that most of us can do physically about the war."

According to Hendrickson, everyone should try to rally together and support the cause and stick with the troops.

"It puts things in perspective," he said, "I would expect that people will be more active and decisive in the environment and recycling, especially an alternative to oil."

Hendrickson said this should be an educational experience.

"If people can learn from this, then my bet is a sense of many beneficial effects; more conservative and cautious," he said.

We're numble

UNO grapplers win the big one

By DAVE DUFEL

FARGO, N.D. — In 1970, the University of Nebraska at Omaha wrestling team won the NAIA national crown.

The Mavericks ended a 20-year drought Saturday as they were crowned the NCAA Division II National Champions.

"We were a bunch of happy campers," UNO Coach Mike Denney said.

The Mavericks won the title handily, scoring 79.5 points. Central Oklahoma State, the second-place team, scored 64 points in the 38-team tournament.

UNO had secured the tournament title well before Saturday evening's championship finals got underway.

"That was great," Denney said. "We could really savor it. It took the pressure off of the three guys we had in the finals. They could just go out there and wrestle. They didn't have to worry about the team score."

Two of those "three guys," seniors Scott Ruff and Pat Gentzler, wrestled their way to individual national titles. The third, senior Joe Wypiszewski, lost a 3-2 decision to three-time defending national champion Tony Champion of Portland State.

Wypiszewski, however, earned a berth in the NCAA Division I tournament, to be held March 14-16 in Iowa City, Iowa. He is the last UNO wrestler eligible for a berth in the NCAA Division I tournament, after the NCAA suspended the rule allowing the top NCAA Division II and III wrestlers from advancing. Last season, Wypiszewski finished eighth in the Division I tournament.

Six Mavericks were named to the NCAA Division II all-American team. The honor was bestowed upon Ruff, Gentzler, Wypiszewski, sophomore Marc Bauer, senior Ted Nelson and senior Jessie Smith.

- Nelson earned fifth place at 118 pounds.
- Unseeded Bauer, in the 126-pound weight class, pinned the No. 3-seeded wrestler in the first round and went on to win seventh place in the tournament.
- Smith wrestled his way to third place at 167 pounds.
- Wypiszewski, 29-7-2, finished second in the tournament and earned his fourth all-American honor.
- Gentzler, 31-5-1, defeated Virginia State's Warren Tucker 8-5 in the 190-pound final.
- Ruff, 31-2, defeated Marty Vigil of the University of Northern Colorado 5-4 on riding time.

"Scott (Ruff) in all reality finished the year undefeated," Denney said. "He was leading 8-1 in one match and got disqualified with ten seconds left. The other kid shoved Scott, and Scott shoved him back. Both of them were disqualified."

"And in the Maverick Open," Denney continued, "he twisted his ankle leading the match 8-2, so he couldn't complete the match. He missed an undefeated season by a matter of seconds."

To top it off, Denney was named the NCAA Division II Coach of the Year.

"I just look at it as our team winning another award," Denney said. "They did it — I just kind of rode along with it. I had a great time."

The NCC proved its domination of NCAA Division II wrestling once again, placing three teams in the top five. Northern Colorado placed third in the tournament with 60.5 points and North Dakota State was fourth with 49.5.

"There are ups and downs to the NCC tournament," Denney said. "You can get beat up so badly that you can't do anything in the national tournament."

"Or you can perform well and that gives you momentum." Besides all of the formal recognition, Denney heard a lot of informal praise.

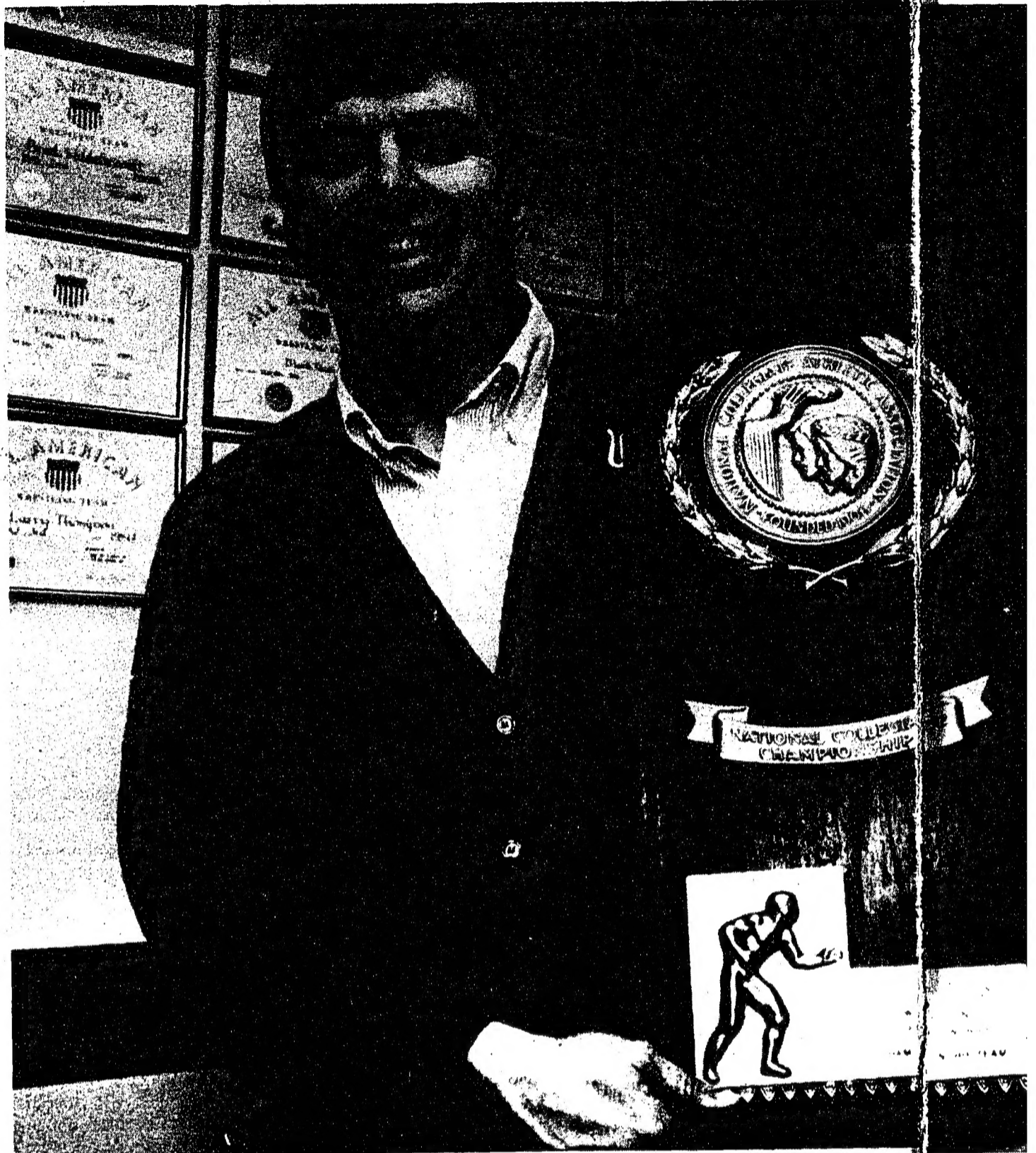
"The other coaches — even the referees — told me how close our team seemed," Denney said. "The kids were really focused on what they were trying to accomplish."

"That's what I feel good about. That was our goal — to have everyone pleased with their performance, win or lose," he continued.

Now, the team plans to concentrate on staying consistent and working on recruiting.

"We really have to use this (championship) in our recruiting," Denney said. "We want to be a consistent team. We want to be a team that is constantly a power in wrestling."

"A lot of times, you see a flash-in-a-pan team. We want other programs to look at us, and your wrestlers and assistant coaches have a lot to do with bringing eyes this way."



Mike Denney, holding the hardware of champions. The UNO wrestling team won its first-ever NCAA Division II national championship this year. "We want other programs to look at us, and your wrestlers and assistant coaches have a lot to do with bringing eyes this way," he said.

Maverick Wrestling:

THE DENNEY YEARS

UNO Wrestling Coach Mike Denney has been at UNO since 1979. His teams have won 116 out of 175 matches, giving Denney a winning percentage of 66 percent. The 1990-91 season brought UNO its first NCC and NCAA Division II championship. Denney was named Coach of the Year in the NCC and NCAA Division II wrestling.

Year	Record	NCC Finish	National Finish
1979-80	10-8-1	5th	12th NCAA Div II
1980-81	16-3-0	3rd	3rd NCAA Div II, 45th NCAA Div I
1981-82	13-4-0	2nd	4th NCAA Div II, 29th NCAA Div I
1982-83	10-3-0	2nd	3rd NCAA Div II, 20th NCAA Div I
1983-84	6-4-0	2nd	7th NCAA Div II
1984-85	10-7-1	2nd	2nd NCAA Div II, 42nd NCAA Div I
1985-86	3-7-0	3rd	7th NCAA Div II
1986-87	10-5-1	2nd	5th NCAA Div II, 60th NCAA Div I
1987-88	14-2-0	2nd	2nd NCAA Div II, 35th NCAA Div I
1988-89	6-6-1	3rd	3rd NCAA Div II, 47th NCAA Div I
1989-90	11-2-1	2nd	2nd NCAA Div II, 45th NCAA Div I
1990-91	7-3-0	1st	1st NCAA Div II

Graph by Patrick Runge

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Division II national championship this weekend. "A lot of times, you see a flash-in-a-pan team. Ringing eyes this way," he said.

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UNO – bridesmaid no more

By GREG KOZOL

UNO finally got its cigar. After dozens of close calls and second place finishes, the Mavericks captured a national championship in varsity men's competition Saturday in North Dakota.

UNO had won national titles before, but never in NCAA men's varsity competition.

"Wrestling won the NAIA in 1970. They were second the previous year," said Gary Anderson, UNO's sports information director. The NAIA, the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, is made up of smaller schools than the NCAA.

Anderson said during the 1960s, Omaha University managed to capture two national titles in bowling.

"It was a club sport, like at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln today," Anderson said. "But they did win."

The UNO women's athletic program also has tasted a national championship. In 1975, the Lady Mavs won a national title in softball.

"That was before NCAA competition in softball," Anderson said. "UNO competed against Division I and II teams from all across the country."

Anderson said the Lady Mavs that year defeated UCLA, a perennial Division I softball power.

This latest title, the first since 1975, will help UNO's athletic program, which has been rebuilding from budget cuts in the mid-'80s, Anderson said.

"It gets you some respect all the way around," he said. Most of all, it will help a wrestling program already among the nation's elite, Anderson said.

"It really calls attention to the wrestling program," Anderson said. "We've had a quality program. But the national championships just puts an exclamation point on what we've done."

Anderson said the championship is extra special for Denney, whose teams have finished second in NCAA Division II three times.

"Everyone's happy for Mike," Anderson said. "He's been close for so long now. It's the culmination of a lot of hard work. And on the heels of the Ryan Kaufman tragedy, that makes it extra special."

Kaufman, a UNO national champion wrestler in 1981 and '82, died a few weeks ago in an automobile accident.

With basketball winding down and spring sports around the corner, there's not much time to celebrate wrestling success, Anderson said.

"We're not tooting horns or throwing confetti on the floor," Anderson said. "We're just real proud."

Voices of Victory



"It's been five years, and I'm really happy to go out a winner."

— Pat
Gentzler
(1st at 190)

"I told him (Denney) in the last seven years it was only a matter of time until he won it."

— Armand Brett, coach of
6th-place Cal State Chico



"I wanted to stay basic and not do anything stupid."

— Jesse
Smith
(3rd at 167)

"Mike (Denney) certainly deserves Coach of the Year, and his team deserves the National Championship. I picked them almost right away."

— Jack Hancock, coach of
8th-place Colorado-Mines



"It feels pretty good, but I don't know if it's really sunk in yet."

— Joe
Wypiszenski
(2nd at 177)

Anonymity to remain status quo for group

BY JENNIFER WESTCOTT

Most friendships are built on mutual understanding, trust and experiences. It is hard to imagine a relationship where one of the key elements is anonymity.

That is, however, one of the principles of Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACA).

ACA, which started in Omaha in 1982, began as a way to assist adult children from alcoholic and dysfunctional homes.

"The group provides a place where people can at last come to know they're not alone," said Pamela, a graduate student at UNO.

Pamela said that one of the traditions of the program is to maintain anonymity to the press, therefore ensuring the anonymity of the people who attend meetings.

ACA, which has also been called Adult Children Anonymous, bases itself on some of the same basic principles of Alcoholics

Anonymous (AA).

According to Pamela, some groups have dropped the "of alcoholics" because not all dysfunctional households are alcohol related.

"That group is there for a lot of people," she said, adding she has met people she would not otherwise be involved with. "I know CEOs and homeless people. They're my friends."

ACA meetings follow a very relaxed style, one member said.

They start with a reading of the "problem" and "solution" following a 12-step program similar to that of AA. People are then invited to talk about what was said and how that topic relates to them or something else that may be bothering them.

One strict tradition is no "cross talk," which means, no one is allowed to interrupt someone else while they are talking. Pamela said this is because people talked at them when they were kids and told them their feelings were wrong or did not matter.

"I'm really protective of that rule," she said.

A member of the UNO faculty agreed saying, they were used to taking care of others and this is a way to make them take care of themselves first.

"The syndrome of having grown up in an alcoholic household, although the damage was clear and could be identified at a teenage level, often times didn't re-manifest itself until people reached young adulthood," the faculty member said.

The belief that "once the young people got out of the house, then everything would be OK. If they get away from the alcoholic or dysfunctional environment, everything would be fine. Well, that's not what happens," the faculty member said.

ACA meetings are held every Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Omaha Room of the Student Center. For other meeting times and places, contact the ACA answering service at 978-8672. There are 18 meetings held in Omaha every week at different times and places to accommodate those who feel the meetings would be beneficial to them, Pamela said.

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Opinion

Congratulations

Nebraska has finally won a national championship. No, it's not a Cornhusker team coached by Tom Osborne or Danny Nee.

In the Cornhusker state, this year's sole collegiate national championship (so far) was won by the wrestlers from lil' old UNO.

The Mavericks clinched the NCAA Division II national championship with 79.5 team points at the Division II national tournament Saturday in North Dakota. Two UNO wrestlers finished won national championships six earned All-American honors.

Everyone involved with the UNO wrestling program deserves a pat on the back after Saturday's championship.

Staff Editorial

We're No. 1!

● The first round of kudos goes to UNO Coach Mike Denney, who always manages to keep a team-oriented approach in the individualized sport of wrestling. That philosophy has paid off with a team title.

Denney has finally gotten the national championship monkey off his back. Like Tom Osborne at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Denney is a respected coach who has seen the coveted national championship elude him, despite developing one of the top programs in the country.

Well, Denney finally grabbed the big one.

● All the UNO wrestlers deserve praise, especially the two national champions and six All-Americans. The hard work of being a student athlete has paid off.

● The entire UNO athletic program should be commended for helping to develop one of the top wrestling program in that country at a university that receives less funding for athletics than other Division II schools.

Since it looks like there isn't going to be a ticker-tape parade through downtown, we just wanted to say "good job."



Student Government makes mistakes, too

The officers of UNO Student Government presented heavy criticism to the *Gateway* last week, citing recent *Gateway* errors in articles on Student Government.

The criticism ranged from the meaningful (International Student Services' (ISS) budget increase is \$2,694; not \$4,000 as reported) to the trivial (Cheryl Carter is the chairperson of the Student Activities Budget Commission (SABC), not the president.)

Granted, an error is an error. And in journalism, any error is unacceptable, no matter how trivial it may be.

The *Gateway*'s policy is to not censor a letter to the editor just because it is unfavorable to the *Gateway*. Student Government had every right to call us on our mistakes.

My problem with the letter is that it was not timely. It seemed Student Government was rubbing the criticism in our noses. It also seemed to imply that Student Government is a little closer to perfection than the staff of the *Gateway*.

Student Government's concerns came after an inaccurate story printed in the Feb. 19 *Gateway*.

It's unfortunate, however, that the criticism of that story came after:

● A corrected, accurate story was printed on the front page of the following issue.

● An apology from the reporter on Feb. 22.

● An apology from the news editor on Feb. 25.

● Yet, one more apology from the news editor on March 1.

Basically, through these steps, the staff of the *Gateway* said, "We were wrong, here's the correct information. We were wrong, we're sorry. We were wrong, we're sorry. Once again, we

Dave Dufek Columnist



were wrong, and we're sorry."

Then Student Government wrote us a letter, just in case we weren't aware that we were wrong.

Student Government claims it considered writing the letter Feb. 21, two days after the article was printed. After a considerable lapse of time, we received the letter.

And they call us inefficient.

True, we are student journalists, and part of that is learning to be accurate. Therefore, criticism is necessary for us to become better at doing our jobs.

Enough is enough, though.

And, if by reminding us of our errors, Student Government can strive to make us better journalists, I'm going to return the favor and help them become better politicians.

After all, turnabout is fair play. Think back if you will...

Feb. 7: The student senators admitted being uninformed about Legislative Bill 179, a bill that had direct impact upon the University of Nebraska system. Mike McLaurin, director of the Council for Community and Legislative Relations (CCLR), proposed a lobbying effort by CCLR to represent the UNO student body.

The student senators voted against the lobbying effort on the grounds that they were not informed about it and asked for earlier notification of upcoming bills.

Excuse me, but isn't it a common practice for politicians — those who supposedly represent those who elected them — to remain informed about pertinent issues?

Or is staying informed too much to ask from the people we elect?

One would think if the senators weren't informed, at least the Student Senate's speaker should be. UNO's speaker, Ron Hyde, admitted not knowing what the ramifications of the bill were.

In remaining uninformed about an item that is public information, the senators did the student body an injustice — UNO was not represented by CCLR at the public hearing of the bill.

The bill is still in committee.

Feb. 19: UNO Student President/Regent Chuck Valgora was asked by the Student Senate to request a moratorium on changes in the College of Business Administration standards. He didn't request the moratorium and didn't give the senate any notice that he didn't plan to.

Now that's the kind of communication and cooperation I like to see from our elected representatives — especially over such a controversial issue as requesting a moratorium.

These are just a few examples of the areas in which the Student Senate is committing errors. I don't know how seriously my criticism will be taken, though.

After all, critics usually don't like to be critiqued.

I'm not holding my breath for any public apology by the Student Senate on its flaws, as the *Gateway* has done.

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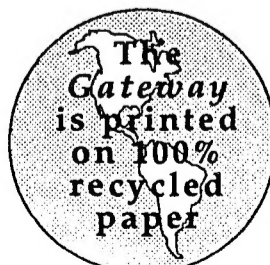
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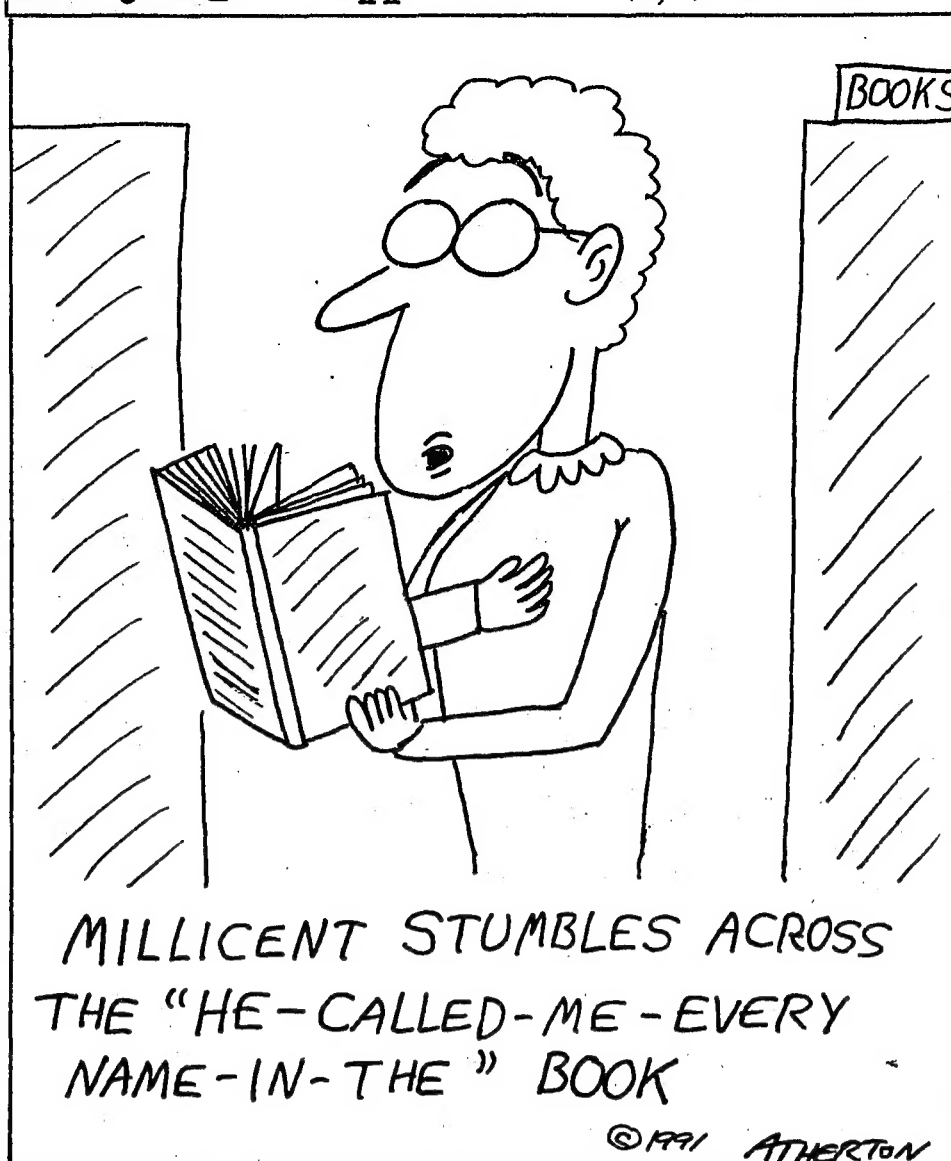
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In like a lion — Women's History Month

By TIM ROHWER

It has been said that history books are written by the winners. If so, according to Gloria Rial, director of the Women's Resource Center (WRC), women have been losing the war of the sexes.

"Women's work has been devalued. Women's accomplishments have not been written about in the history books. The goal is to make people aware that women have contributed to history, that women can value themselves as a person."

The comments were expressed by Gloria Rial, director of UNO's Women's Resource Center (WRC), in explaining the reasons for and the goals of Women's History Month, a nationwide event held every March.

Rial said UNO's festivities will begin today with a presentation titled, "Black Women of the Plains," by Bertha Calloway, director of the Great Plains Black Museum. The presentation will begin at 2 p.m. in the Gallery Room of the Student Center.

Tomorrow, in the Student Center, UNO's women's studies department will begin a five-part video series on American women's history, she said. Later in the month, actress Amy Warner will visit campus to present a skit on pioneer women.

According to Rial, one of the reasons women have not been

written about in history books is because most historians have been white males, who emphasized the accomplishments of white men.

"Historians are products of their society, and society felt that a woman's culture, her gender and person-hood was of no value," Rial said. She added that the women's suffrage movement is a good example of the lack of recognition by historians.

"There's just one paragraph in your typical history book about the suffrage movement," Rial said. "Women went through a heck of a lot before they won the right to vote in 1920. They went through a hundred years of fighting for their rights."

Another example was the famous Native American girl, Sacagawea, who helped lead the Lewis and Clark expedition on the Oregon Trail, she said.

"There's just a sentence about her," Rial said. "Lewis and Clark would have died if it wasn't for her. She was the mentor between the Indian tribes and Lewis and Clark. She kept the

peace because most of the tribes didn't like the expedition."

Rial said the accomplishments of Native American women have also been devalued by historians.

"All you read about is poverty and alcohol. But Indian women had positions of power and were large property owners," she said.

Asian and black women have also made great accomplishments with little notice, Rial said. "It's the same as giving George Washington one paragraph in the history book."

She said few women scientists and mathematicians have been successful because women were told not to learn those subjects.

"Boys were encouraged to learn those subjects and girls weren't. There was the belief that men had the brains

for it and women didn't," she said.

Missy Kubitschek, UNO assistant professor of English and a coordinator of the festivities, recalled an incident in a humanities class several years ago.

"It was late Friday and the professor was teaching the students about ancient Greek culture," Kubitschek said. "Suddenly, one of the women students asked the teacher, 'What about the women in ancient Greece?' The professor looked confused and replied, 'I'll get back to you on that on Monday.' Apparently, the professor spent all weekend looking up the women's roles in ancient Greece."

Another area where women have been under represented throughout history is art, she said.

Traditionally, women were not allowed to do paintings of male nudes, she said. "It is an important part of learning to paint," Kubitschek said women frequently "did self-studies or studies of their children" to learn how to paint nudes.

She said women today are still used as "tokens" in the field of art.

Kubitschek said women's history was not taught 30 years ago and only major accomplishments by women were ever mentioned. "One examined culture with no women in it," she said.

However, Kubitschek added, the interest in women's studies is considerable today. Her classes are usually full with a fairly constant number of male students.

Rial said posters of women and their accomplishments will be set up around campus for students to read.

She said women in politics, religion, science, sports, the arts and other fields will be featured on the posters made by WRC volunteer Deanne Buck. The posters will be displayed on campus.

"We hope Women's History Month will make young women aware that they're fully capable of achieving what women have done before — that their intelligence is not less than a male's."

"We hope it brings about an exchange of knowledge between women and men," Rial said.

Whose university is this?

By JENNIFER CORELL

What is education?

According to John Harris, student advisor, it is using your internal rather than external eyes.

Students at UNO should view the campus from an internal vision, rather than just face value. Harris said it would be a good way to conquer student apathy.

Harris, who led a discussion last Wednesday, "Whose University is This?" said, "If we'd use our internal eyes we'd want to see so much more. We'd want to have more experiences with people, and we'd do more of the things that help us become better people."

Harris said, "We just look at face value, what's on the outside and we don't look to broaden our horizons. That's where UNO is right now. We have to help people broaden their horizons."

Harris, along with marketing student Kathy McIntyre, use these small discussions to pass on the apparent secret value of getting involved at UNO.

As a student advisor, Harris reflected on his theory to conquer student apathy.

"What we need to do in student activities is to bring activities to what I call a life level. If people don't feel what is happening at the university is pertinent to their very life situation when they leave the campus, they're not going to want

to share in the campus," he said.

McIntyre agreed.

"Part of the trouble is we're dealing with older students. They don't see themselves at that age to do university activities. Because UNO is not a dorm-like campus, the mind set is that students can go to school and work, but someone else will get involved. They have to learn time management around work and classes," McIntyre said.

McIntyre said she manipulates work and classes by utilizing her skills outside the classroom. She was recently in charge of ticket sales for a fashion show, which let her use her marketing skills.

"People need to learn to apply their skills and the value of getting involved," she said. Her own involvement stems from boredom, she said. "Now I'm having a good time because I'm involved. People say it can be so boring, but it's what you make of it."

What is education, then? Harris suspects it has more to do with savoring experiences outside the classroom rather than worshipping books and lectures as the only means of knowledge.

"The bottom line is very simple," he said. "In my workshops I ask 'Why are you in college?' Most people say for the education, but then what is education? Is it books, or experiences with dealing with people and learning about them and sharing things. That's what education is supposed to be."



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Mavericks end season with split

By MARK GREGORY

UNO's bid for a top-four finish and a home-court advantage in the North Central Conference (NCC) Tournament fell one game short.

Splitting their last two regular season contests over the weekend, the Mavericks finished the 1990-91 NCC campaign 9-9 and 16-11 overall.

Tied with 18-9 South Dakota for fifth place in the league, UNO qualified for the NCC post-season tourney which got underway yesterday. The Mavericks were scheduled to travel to either Mankato State or Morningside for their opening round game.

Mankato State, 16-11, and Morningside, 16-12, finished the NCC season tied for third at 10-8. Having already clinched the NCC crown, North Dakota, 25-2, ended with a 17-1 league mark. Runner-up South Dakota State, 20-7 overall, finished with an 11-7 NCC record.

Friday night the Mavericks hosted the No. 1-ranked North Dakota (UND) Fighting Sioux at the UNO Fieldhouse. Trailing by 16 points in the first half, UNO rallied back to within two early in the second half. The Mavs, however, couldn't pull ahead and lost a tough 60-53 decision.

UNO bounced back Saturday night in the season finale to score a 68-67 victory over North Dakota State (NDSU) at the fieldhouse. Playing his last game in a Maverick uniform in front of the home crowd, senior Thor Palamore gave UNO fans a nice going away present. Palamore hit the game-winning free throw with four seconds left to lift the Mavericks to victory.

Against the UND Sioux, UNO fell behind 26-10 with 5:59 left in the first half. The Mavs finished the first 20 minutes with a 17-4 spurt that enabled them to cut the deficit to 30-27 at halftime.

Palamore then added a pair of baskets to keep UNO within 50-46 with 3:55 left in the game.

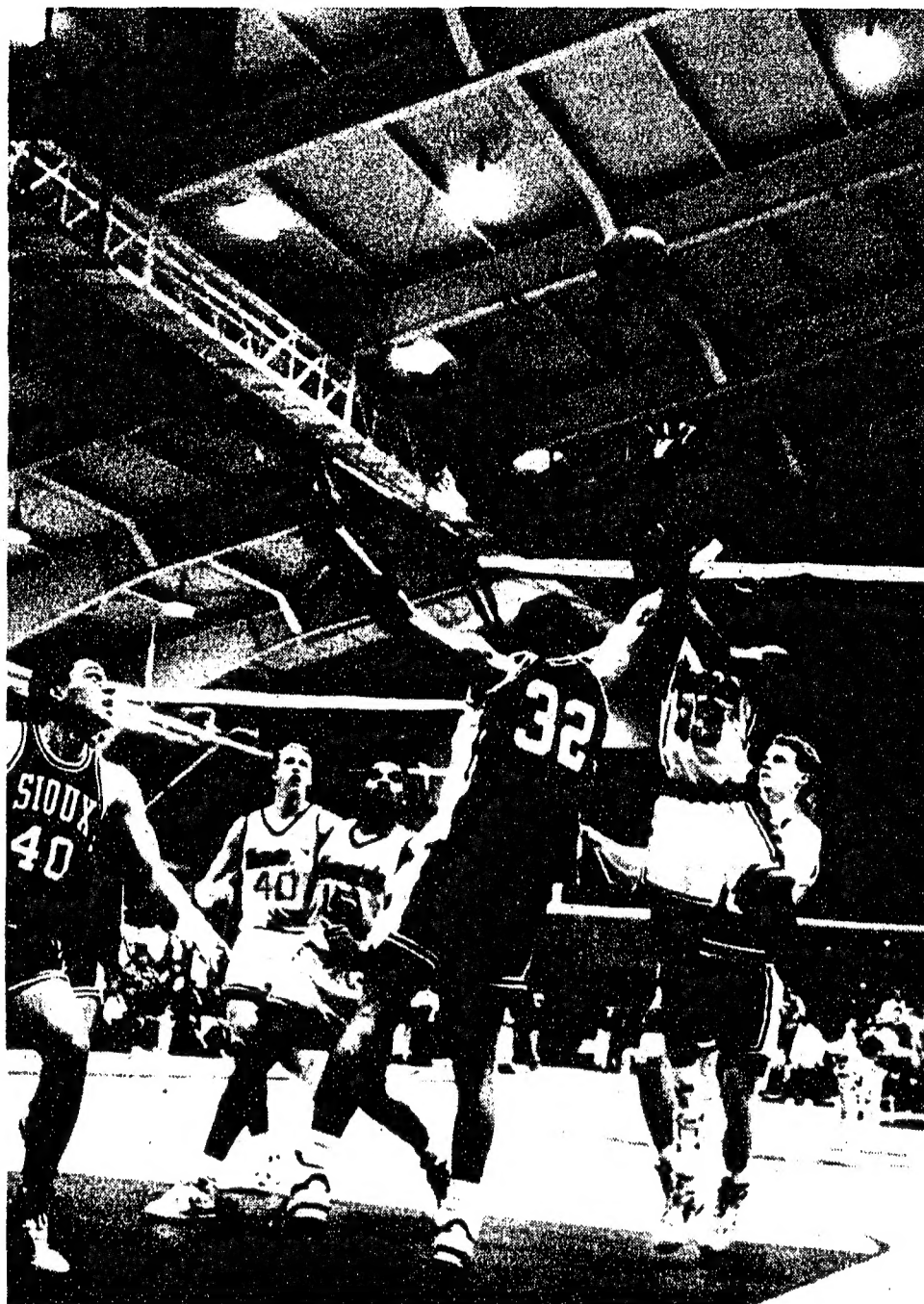
UNO trailed 51-48 at the 1:11 mark, but North Dakota's Scott Guldseth scored the next five points to slam the door on the Mavericks' chances.

Guldseth hit a layup with 58 seconds left, canned a free throw on a Mav foul, and sank a pair of free tosses with 37 seconds remaining to give UND a 56-48 lead.

UNO's Terry Henderson hit a three-point shot with 28 seconds left on the clock to make it 56-51, but UND added another pair of free throws with 19 seconds left. Dave Vonesh's free tosses iced the game for the Sioux at 58-51.

Saturday night's contest with the Bison held no lead larger than eight points. UNO opened the game with a 6-0 lead, the widest gap they'd enjoy in the first half. At intermission, NDSU held a slim 35-34 lead.

Palamore, who finished with a game-high 18 points, hit four of six shots in the opening half to



Thor soars. Thor Palamore, No. 33, shoots against North Dakota at Friday's game at the fieldhouse. UND defeated UNO 60-53.

— Ed Carlson

give him nine at halftime.

UNO trailed by two points on three occasions early in the second half. Back-to-back baskets by UNO's Phil Cartwright gave the Mavericks a 49-46 lead with 11:50 left in the contest.

After NDSU tied the score at 49 with 10:44 left, the Mavs went on a 13-5 run that gave them a 62-54 advantage at the 5:17 mark. The Bison didn't keel over and came back to tie the score at 62 with 3:13 left in the game.

With 1:08 left, NDSU grabbed a 66-65 lead on two Tom Foti free throws. UNO's Henderson answered back with a pair of free throws to give UNO a 67-66 lead with 33 seconds to go.

A UNO foul with eight seconds left sent NDSU's Ray McKenzie to the line. Following a Maverick timeout, McKenzie missed his first attempt but sank his second to tie the score at 67.

Palamore then hit the first of two free throws. A last-second half-court shot by NDSU's Bart Inniger went off the rim.

Disappointing end for Lady Mavs

By MARK GREGORY

The UNO Lady Mavs ended their 1990-91 basketball season with a pair of losses to a pair of nationally-ranked teams.

Entering last weekend's games, the Lady Mavs had won four of their last five games. They had high hopes of finishing the season with a couple of big upsets.

UNO wanted to close out its campaign by beating No. 3-rated North Dakota State (NDSU) and No. 5-ranked North Dakota (UND) to give the team momentum going into the 1991-92 season.

Those hopes were dashed as UNO fell 71-62 to North Dakota Friday night and 82-63 to North Dakota State Saturday night at the UNO Fieldhouse. With the losses, UNO ended

the season 12-16 overall and 7-11 in the North Central Conference (NCC).

There is no NCC tournament for women's basketball, but there is a women's Division II national playoff. After the weekend games, it was expected that both UND and NDSU would be invited.

Friday night, North Dakota opened with a 9-0 lead over the Lady Mavs. With 6:19 left in the half, UND held a 24-16 advantage, but the Lady Mavs outscored the Sioux 11-6 the remainder of the half to pull to within 30-27 at intermission.

In the second half, UNO fell behind 38-30 with 17:05 left, but came roaring back, outscoring UND 17-9.

Against North Dakota State the next night, UNO fans got their last look at Darcy Burns, who played her last game for the Lady Mavs.

The only senior on this year's squad, Burns came back from a thumb injury earlier this season and has worked her way back into the starting line-up.

Appropriately, Burns led the Lady Mavs in scoring during her last game with 16 points. Burns, who last month became the ninth UNO player in history to score 1,000 career points, connected on six of 10 shots from the floor and sank all four of her free throws.

For North Dakota State, center Denise Peterson led the offensive attack. Peterson scored a game-high 24 points and grabbed a game-high 14 rebounds.

By beating UNO, North Dakota State moved to 26-2 and 16-2 in the conference.

Sarah Smock

Sports columnist



Loyal fans? The Mavs have 'em

I bet my parents are some of the most loyal fans the UNO men's basketball team has ever seen.

As long as I can remember, Maverick basketball has been a big part of my parents' lives, and therefore, my life. They haven't missed many games (even those on the road) for a long time.

When I was a little girl, my sister and I would be dragged (and I do mean dragged) to the games with them. Of course, we didn't really watch the games. Most of the time we ran around getting food and drinks for our parents and their fellow fans.

I even remember going to a number of Holiday Tournaments in Sioux Falls, S.D. In fact, it was while watching the UNO cheerleaders practice that I fell off a chair and chipped one of my front teeth — quite a traumatic experience for a seventh grader.

At least at the Holiday Tournaments I could go swimming, play putt-putt golf, or scarf up lots of food in the hotel dining room. Most of my memories from the Holiday Tournaments are good ones, but they don't really center around basketball.

Well, Friday night I made my return to the Maverick basketball stands. In my three years at UNO, this was the first time I had even entered the UNO Fieldhouse, let alone attended an athletic event. It was pretty much the way I remembered it.

This time, however, I actually stayed in the stands with my parents and watched the game (sort of). The Mavs were playing the No. 1 team in the North Central Conference — the University of North Dakota (UND). They lost by seven points.

My parents sat with two other couples they said were at nearly every game also. Although this may sound surprising, the women (at least among this group) were the vocal ones.

During the second half of the game, my mother felt the refs were missing a lot of fouls committed by North Dakota players. At one point, UNO had eight fouls and North Dakota didn't have any. My mom proceeded to yell "I can't believe they're perfect" in reference to the UND players.

She would also yell to individual players — calling them by their first names — offering advice or encouragement. My father spent most of the time laughing. (maybe at my mother, maybe at me or maybe at himself — it's always hard to tell with him).

Following the game, we headed to the post-game Mav fan hangout, Sortino's Pizza Parlor. On the way to the restaurant, my parents discussed the game. My mom said, "He (the player shall remain unnamed for obvious reasons) couldn't hit the broad side of a barn from two feet away."

Then my parents argued about how long a particular player had played. After we arrived and found the table where my parents' game-time companions were sitting, a holler went up from our table "Can we get the news on here?" They had just finished watching the game in person, but they wanted to make sure they caught the news broadcast too. These were some serious fans.

Then, during our pizza eating, my mom actually got the stats from the assistant coach to settle the argument she had with my father. My dad won. He said he always wins when he and my mother have a bet.

The high point of my evening came, however, when UNO Coach Bob Hanson came over and invited me to the locker room to see the sweaty players with their bobbing adam's apples. Maybe I'll have to take him up on that and really learn what basketball is all about.